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SUBJECT: BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CALL FOR SOLIDARITY WITH
"DEMOCRATIC FORCES" IN PORTUGAL

1. BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (BCP) DAILY LE DRAPEAU ROUGE AUGUST
27 PUBLISHED DECLARATION OF BPC POLITICAL BUREAU ON INTERNATIONAL
SOLIDARITY IN SUPPORT OF REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN PORTUGAL.
IT NOTES THAT WORKERS AND "DEMOCRATIC FORCES" IN OTHER EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES CAN ASSIST YOUNG PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY TO "PREVENT
GOVERNMENT'S AND OTHER FORCES LINKED TO IMPERIALISM AND
MULTINATIONALS FROM INTERFERING IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF PORTUGAL."
ADDS THAT IT VAIN AND DANGEROUS TO ATTEMPT TO DECREE SOLUTIONS
FROM OUTSIDE. THIS WOULD NOT OVERCOME CURRENT DISAGREEMENTS
AND COULD LEAD TO DISPUTES SPREADING AMONG THESE MOVEMENTS
OUTSIDE PORTUGAL. POLITICAL BUREAU CALLES FOR SUPPORT OF THOSE
IDEAS AND ACTIONS WHICH COULD FORM BROAD FRONT AMONG PORTUGUESE
AGAINST "ALL FORMS OF IMPERIALIST INTERVENTION, AGAINST
COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MENACE IN PORTUGAL AND ACCELERATION OF
ANTI-COMMUNIST VIOLENCE."

2. DECLARATION ALSO NOTES SUGGESTION OF PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST
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PARTY LEADER MARIO SOARES FOR MEETINGS BETWEEN CERTAIN SOCIALIST

AND COMMUNIST PARTIES. ADDS THAT WHILE SOARES DID NOT INCLUDE PARTIES IN BELGIUM, PCB PREPARED GIVE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO "ANY INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE LEADING TO ORGANIZATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION AND REINFORCEMENT OF WORKER AND DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN EUROPE." IN THIS CONTEXT BUREAU SAID IT WOULD UNDERTAKE CONTACTS WITH OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES AS WELL AS "WITH OTHER DEMOCRATIC FORCES" IN BELGIUM.

3. COMMENT: DECLARATION IS LATEST OF RECENT PCB CALLS FOR BELGIAN MANIFESTATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH "REVOLUTIONARY FORCES" IN PORTUGAL. DECLARATION IS IN LINE WITH BELGIAN CP'S POSITIVE RESPONSE TO SOVIET CALL UPON EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES TO SUPPORT COMMUNISTS IN PORTUGAL. BUT THERE IS A BIT OF DOMESTIC MISCHIEF IN OFFER OF COOPERATION WITH "OTHER DEMOCRATIC FORCES" IN BELGIUM. THIS COULD LEAD TO A DIVISIVE ARGUMENT WITHIN LEFT WING OF BELGIAN SOCIALIST PARTY OVER DESIRABILITY OF CONCERTED ACTION WITH BPC ON PORTUGAL.

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